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WASHINGTON (AP) -- A TOP NICARAGUAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL SAID THURSDAY THE CIA IS ENGAGED IN THE SAME TYPE OF DESTABILIZATION PLAN AGAINST NICARAGUA THAT PRECEDED THE OUSTER OF THE LEFTIST GOVERNMENT OF CHILE IN 1973.

COMMANDER JAIME WHELOCK, MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND OF AGRARIAN REFORM, SAID A BROAD-BASED CIA EFFORT AGAINST NICARAGUA'S SANDINISTA GOVERNMENT IS BEING CARRIED OUT WITH THE HELP OF A \$19 MILLION CIA FUND.

"THERE ARE TOO MANY THINGS HAPPENING AT THE SAME TIME TO BE A COINCIDENCE," WHELOCK TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE.

SIMILAR ACCUSATIONS APPEARED IN THE MARCH 6 ISSUE OF THE NATION MAGAZINE.

STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS WERE NOT IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE FOR COMMENT ON THE ACCUSATIONS.

WHELOCK ACKNOWLEDGED HE HAD NO CONCRETE EVIDENCE TO DOCUMENT WHAT HE SAID "BUT THE TRACKS ARE THERE AND WE ARE ONTO IT."

AMONG OTHER ALLEGATIONS, WHELOCK SAID THE CIA IS FINANCING OPERATIONS BY COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES FROM ACROSS THE BORDER IN HONDURAS, ADDING THAT ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE THOMAS ENDERS ACKNOWLEDGED THE ALLEGED CIA ROLE IN CLOSED CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY.

HE IDENTIFIED THE CHIEF ORGANIZER OF THESE OPERATIONS AS NESTOR SANCHEZ, WHO HE SAID "WAS IN CHARGE" OF THE BAY OF PIGS INVASION IN CUBA 21 YEARS AGO.

THE MAGAZINE, WHICH SAID ENDERS LAST YEAR TOLD MEMBERS OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEES THAT THE CIA IS QUIETLY PROVIDING "TRAINING, MONEY AND WEAPONS FOR FORMER MEMBERS OF GEN. ANASTASIO SOMOZA'S NATIONAL GUARD."

THE MAGAZINE SAID THE MONEY IS BEING FUNNELED THROUGH OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES AND THAT VERNON WALTERS, AMBASSADOR AT LARGE, "HAS NEGOTIATED WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF ARGENTINA AND WITH ELEMENTS IN THE SECURITY FORCES OF VENEZUELA, COLOMBIA AND CHILE TO COOPERATE WITH THE CIA."

THE MAGAZINE CITED ITS REPORT ON WORD FROM TWO UNIDENTIFIED SOURCES WHO WERE PRIVY TO THE BRIEFINGS LAST NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER.

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